No. 36 - *Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region boundary is primarily watershed based, including the Tuolumne and Stanislaus watersheds and the Littlejohns Creek Watershed in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties, respectively. The Region boundary extends from the headwaters of these three watersheds to the western boundary of Stanislaus County. The Region shares a common border to the north with the Mokelumne Amador Calaveras IRWM Region; to the south with the Central California IRWM Region; to the east by both the Inyo-Mono and the Tahoe-Sierra IRWM Regions, and along the county line that generally divides the foothills from the Central Valley. There are no boundary overlaps or voids between surrounding IRWM Regions.

The Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Region was initiated through the actions of the Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD). TUD organized the first meeting of public agencies interested in the IRWM Program in August, 2007. This meeting involved public agencies that would eventually become the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). The RWMG worked, through a consensus based process, to adopt a governance structure, a financial agreement, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

There are many facilities (Hetch-Hetchy, etc.) with owners/interests outside the developing IRWM Region, and with senior water rights, who export water from this Region. While some of these entities participate in the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Plan meetings, none have signed MOUs or are included as a RWMG member.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

No changes to the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Region boundaries are suggested by DWR. DWR requires the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Region coordinate and cooperate with neighboring IRWM Regions and with the San Francisco Bay Area IRWM Region to ensure an integrated approach to water resources planning and management, including water export.